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Applicants: Wayne A. Hendrickson et al.  
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Filed : June 29, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1631  
For : CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF BLOOD  
CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING DIMERIZATION OF  
THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM CELL FACTOR

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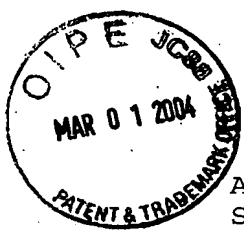
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PETITION FOR A THIRD MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Petition is submitted in connection with the Final Office Action issued August 26, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 26, 2003 Final Office Action was due November 26, 2003. Applicants previously petitioned for a two month extension of time to respond to the August 26, 2003 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. Accordingly, applicants hereby petition for a third month extension of time from January 26, 2004 to February 26, 2004. The fee for a third month extension of time is FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$530.00), i.e. \$950.00 minus \$420.00, and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a third month extension of time, a response to the August 26, 2003 Final Office Action is now due February 26, 2004. Accordingly, this Petition is being timely filed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number



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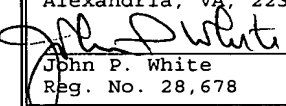
provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$530.00 for a third month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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